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SUBJECT DTS SEAWALL, CONTRACT NO. S48-FBO-563.

PROPERTY 16316

FOR A/FBO FROM LORA; MANILA FOR ATO

REF: BANGKOK 15202

1. LYON ASSOCIATES' REVISED SEAWALL DRAWINGS SHOW 121 VERTICAL AND 159 BATTER (1:3) PRESTRESSED Y114 X 25 M LONG CONCRETE PILES. NEW TOTAL LENGTH OF CONCRETE SEAWALL IS 794 METERS AGAINST 216 METERS IN ORIGINAL DESIGN. REVISED CONCRETE SEAWALL CONFIGURATION SAME AS ORIGINAL DESIGN ENTIRE SEAWALL LENGTH WILL BE PROTECTED ON SEASIDE BY RIPRAP CONSISTING OF TWO LAYERS (MINIMUM OF .60M THICK) OF 300 LB. ARMOR STONES OVER 30 M THICK 30 LB STONES AND BELOW THIS IS 15 M THICK BASE COURSE OF UNSECREENED CRUSHED STONES 2-1/2 INCH MAXIMUM.

2. LYON ASSOCIATES' REVISED TOTAL COST ESTIMATE FOR THIS PROJECT (EXCLUDING ACCESS ROAD WHICH ALREADY COMPLETED) IS \$469,224.16.

3. CONTRACTOR MANTRADE INDUSTRIES' LUMP SUM COST PROPOSAL BASED ON REVISED DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS

IS.....\$487,400

ADD CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT THRU C.O. NO..3 ...\$100,135

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TOTAL.....\$587,535

DEDUCT CREDIT DUE USG FOR ITEMS OF WORK
NOT DONE BY CONTRACTOR IN ORIGINAL CONTRACT...77.073
NEW AMOUNT OF CONTRACT.....\$510,462

4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MANTRADE PROPOSAL
AS FOLLOWS:

- A) NO GUARANTEE AGAINST SINKING OF STONE RIPRAP.
- B) CONTRACT PRICE AND PAYMENTS TO BE IN THAI CURRENCY.
- C) COMPLETION TIME 450 CALENDAR DAYS FROM DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE TO PROCEED.
- D) CONSTRUCTION COST PROPOSAL VALID UNTIL NOVEMBER 9, 1973. EXTENSION OF VALIDITY MAY BE RENEGOTIATED AFTER STIPULATED DATE.
- E) WATER AND ELECTRIC POWER FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES TO BE PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT: COST OF INSTALLATION OF WIRING FROM SOURCE TO CONSTRUCTION SITE TO BE BORNE BY CONTRACTOR.
- F) COST OF 3 FLAP GATES NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE PROPOSAL BUT LABOR COST FOR INSTALLATION IS INCLUDED.
- G) EXCHANGE RATE USED ABOVE IS \$1.00 EQUALS BAHT 20.00

5. MANTRADE INDUSTRIES STATES THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT STONE RIPRAP WILL SINK WITHOUT ADDITIONAL STABILIZING MATERIAL UNDER BASE COURSE UNQUOTE MENTIONED IN PARA ONE ABOVE. THEY QUOTE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THIS METHOD WOULD REDUCE SINKING RATE OF ARMOR STONE RIPRAP TO ITS MINIMUM UNQUOTE, WITH ADDITIONAL STABILIZING MATERIAL, MANTRADE'S ALTERNATIVE LUMP SUM COST PROPOSAL IS.....\$544,067
ADD CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT AND DEDUCT CREDIT DUE USG AS STATED IN PARA 3 ABOVE23,062
NEW CONTRACT AMOUNT.... 567,129

6. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) MANTRADE'S ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL IN PARA 5 MAY BE DISREGARDED AS (A) THEY WILL NOT GUARANTEE AGAINST SINKING OF RIPRAP AND (B) LYON ASSOCIATES STATES THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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RIPRAP VOLUME IS ABOUT EQUAL TO VOLUME OF MUD THAT WILL BE EXCAVATED ALONG SEAWALL ON SEASIDE AND THEREFOR RIPRAP SETTLEMENT WOULD BE MINIMUM. LYON ASSOCIATES FURTHER STATED THAT EVEN IF RIPRAP WILL INSTALL SEAWALL.
B) IT APPEARS CONTRACTOR'S ESTIMATES AND/OR UNIT PRICES ON CERTAIN ITEMS OF WORK ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN LYON ASSOCIATES'S ESTIMATES. ALSO, CONTRACTOR MAY

BE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT THIS MAJOR CHANGE
TO CONTRACT IS ON NEGOTIATED BASIS AND NOT BY COMPETITIVE
BIDDING.

C) IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BY COMPETITIVE BIDDING
CONSTRUCTION COST MAY BE LOWER THAN COST ESTIMATES
INDICATED ABOVE.

7 ANALYSIS OF COST FIGURES TOO INVOLVED TO BE EXPLAINED
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